

APPENDIX - CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising forming an admixture of a solvent,
an additive, said solvent being different from said additive and a conjugated diene polymer selected from the group consisting of a precursor to an electrically conductive conjugated diene polymer and an electrically conductive conjugated diene polymer,
said precursor to an electrically conductive conjugated diene polymer said conjugated diene polymer being made electrically conductive by means of a doping reaction;
said conjugated diene polymer being soluble in said solvent,
said conjugated diene polymer not being substantially soluble in said additive in the absence of said solvent;
said additive provides local mobility to said polymer to allow said conjugated diene polymer to associate with one another to achieve a crystalline state; and
removing or partly removing said solvent, substantially leaving said additive therein as remaining additive, said remaining additive provides local mobility to said conjugated diene polymer to achieve said crystalline state thereby comprising a polycrystalline material, said polycrystalline material is characterized by a degree of crystallinity regions and
a degree of amorphous regions, said degree of crystallinity regions and said degree of amorphous regions are selected by selecting the composition of said additive, and the amount of said additive;
forming a film from said admixture, said film possessing isotropic conductivity.
2. (Canceled) A method according to claim 1, wherein said admixture is electrically conductive and has an isotropic electrical conductivity.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said additive is selected from the group consisting of plasticizers and diluents.

4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said additive is a plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of: Adipic acid plasticizers, Azelaic acid plasticizers, Benzoic acid plasticizers, Citric acid plasticizers, Dimer acid plasticizers, Epoxy plasticizers, Fumaric acid plasticizers, Glycerol plasticizers, Isobutyrate plasticizers, Lauric acid plasticizers, Linoleic acid plasticizers, Maleic acid plasticizers, Sebacic acid plasticizers, Stearic acid plasticizers, Succinic acid plasticizers, Sulfonic acid plasticizers, Terpentines, Terpentine plasticizers, Siloxanes, Polysiloxanes, Ethylene glycols, Polyethylene glycols, Polyesters, Sucrose plasticizers, Mellitates, Myristic acid plasticizers, Oleic acid plasticizers, Palmitic acid plasticizers, Paraffin plasticizers, Phosphoric acid plasticizers, Phthalic acid plasticizers, Ricinoleic acid plasticizers, Tartaric acid plasticizers, Trimellitic acid plasticizers, Glycol plasticizers, Glycolates, Hydrocarbons, Phosphonic acid plasticizers, Polysilanes.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of substituted and unsubstituted polyparaphenylene vinylenes, polyparaphenylenes, polyanilines, polythiophenes, polyazines, polyfurans, polypyrroles, polyselenophenes, poly-p-phenylene sulfides, polyacetylenes formed from soluble precursors, combinations thereof and blends thereof with other polymers and copolymers of the monomers thereof.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said, solvent when removed or partly removed forms a film which is further stretch oriented.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating a precursor to an electrically conductive conjugated polymer and an electrically conductive polymer comprising:

forming admixing a combination of a first material, a second additive doping material and a solvent:

said first material is selected from the group consisting of a precursors to an electrically conductive conjugated diene polymer and an electrically conductive conjugated diene polymer;

said second additive doping material being soluble in said solvent, said second additive doping material not being substantially soluble in said first material in the absence of said solvent;

contacting said first material with said additive doping material to render said first material electrically conductive by means of a doping reaction and providing local mobility to said first material to allow the conjugated diene polymers to associate with one another to achieve a crystalline state;

removing or partly removing said solvent, substantially leaving said additive doping material therein as a remaining additive doping material, said remaining additive doping material providing local mobility to said first material to achieve said crystalline state thereby comprising a polycrystalline material, said polycrystalline material is characterized by a degree of crystallinity regions and
a degree of amorphous regions, said degree of crystallinity regions and said degree of amorphous regions are selected by selecting the composition of said additive, and the amount of said additive;

forming a film from said admixture, said film possessing isotropic conductivity.

8. (Canceled) A method according to claim 7, wherein said combination is electrically conductive and has a conductivity which is isotropic.

9. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of substituted and unsubstituted polyparaphenylene vinylenes, polythianaphthenes, polyparaphenylenes, polyanilines, polythiophenes, polyazines, polyfurans, polypyrroles, polyselenophenes, poly-p-phenylene sulfides, polyacetylenes formed from soluble precursors, combinations thereof and blends thereof with other polymers and copolymers of the monomers thereof.

10. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein said second material is selected from the group consisting of:

Adipic acid plasticizers, Azelaic acid plasticizers, Benzoic acid plasticizers, Citric acid plasticizers, Dimer acid plasticizers, Epoxy plasticizers, Fumaric acid plasticizers, Glycerol plasticizers, Isobutyrate plasticizers, Lauric acid plasticizers, Linoleic acid plasticizers, Maleic acid plasticizers, Sebacic acid plasticizers, Stearic acid plasticizers, Succinic acid plasticizers, Sulfonic acid plasticizers, Terpentines, Terpentine plasticizers, Siloxanes, Polysiloxanes, Ethylene glycols, Polyethylene glycols, Polyesters, Sucrose plasticizers, Mellitates, Myristic acid plasticizers, Oleic acid plasticizers, Palmitic acid plasticizers, Paraffin plasticizers, Phosphoric acid plasticizers, Phthalic acid plasticizers, Ricinoleic acid plasticizers, Tartaric acid plasticizers, Trimellitic acid plasticizers, Glycol plasticizers, Glycolates, Hydrocarbons, Phosphonic acid plasticizers, Polysilanes.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method defined in Claim 1 wherein said conjugated polymer is comprising forming a polyaniline crystalline material, said material having isotropic electrical conductivity.

12. (Canceled) A method comprising:
providing solution of polymers in a solvent;
said polymers are selected from the group consisting of precursors to electrically
conductive polymers and electrically conductive polymers;
providing mobility to said polymers to allow said polymers to associate with one another
to achieve a crystalline state by adding a plasticizer to said solvent;
said plasticizer being soluble in said solvent, said plasticizer not being substantially soluble in
said polymer in the absence of said solvent.

13. (Canceled) A method according to claim 12, wherein said step of providing mobility is
provided by adding an additive to said solution.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~13~~ 7 wherein ~~solid~~ said additive is
selected from the group consisting of a plasticizer and a diluent.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said additive contains
substituents which facilitates the miscibility of said polymer and said additive.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said additive disrupts
aggregation of said polymer.

17. - 19 (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said additive deaggregates
said polymer.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is extracted
from said admixture by a technique selected from the group consisting of solvent extraction and evaporation.

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said additive is first added to a solvent and thereafter an electrically conducting polyaniline is added which becomes neutralized upon addition to said admixture.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said admixture contains a polyaniline, said additive, and an oxidant.

25. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said additive includes a plasticization effect.

26 - 39 (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 ~~1~~ 7 wherein said additive is an oxidant.

41. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 ~~7~~ wherein said material is an oxidant.

42. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~12~~ 7 wherein said plasticizer is an oxidant.

43. - 45. (Cancelled)

46. (Canceled) A method comprising forming an admixture of
a solvent selected from the group consisting of NMP, m-Cresol and a combination of NMP/m-cresol;

an additive selected from the group consisting of poly-co-dimethyl, amino siloxane, poly glycol diacid, 3,6,9-trioxaundecanoic acid, poly(ethylene glycol) tetrahydrofurfuryl ether, glycerol triacetate, and epoxidized soy bean oil.

polyaniline,

said polyaniline being soluble in said solvent,

said polyaniline not being substantially soluble in said additive in the absence of said solvent;

said additive provides local mobility to said polymer to allow said polymer to associate with one another to achieve a crystalline state; and

removing or partly removing said solvent, substantially leaving said additive therein as remaining additive, said remaining additive provides local mobility to said polyaniline to achieve said

crystalline state thereby comprising a polycrystalline material, said polycrystalline material is characterized by a degree of crystallinity regions and a degree of amorphous regions, said degree of crystallinity regions and said degree of amorphous regions are selected by selecting the composition of said additive, and the amount of said additive, said admixture being electrically conductive and having an isotropic electrical conductivity.

47. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 53, wherein said solvent is NMP and said additive is epoxidized soy bean oil.

48. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 53, wherein said solvent is NMP and said additive is poly-co-dimethyl, amino siloxane.

49. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 53, wherein said solvent is NMP and said additive is poly glycol diacid.

50. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim ~~46~~ 53, wherein said solvent is NMP and said additive is 3,6,9-trioxaundecanoic acid.

51. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim ~~46~~ 53, wherein said solvent is NMP and said additive is poly(ethylene glycol) tetrahydrofurfuryl ether.

52. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim ~~46~~ 53, wherein said solvent is NMP and said additive is glycerol triacetate.

53. (Withdrawn) The method defined in Claim 4 7, comprising forming an admixture of:

a solvent selected from the group consisting of NMP, m-Cresol and a combination of NMP/m-cresol;

an additive selected from the group consisting of poly-co-dimethyl, amino siloxane, poly glycol diacid, 3,6,9-trioxaundecanoic acid, poly(ethylene glycol) tetrahydrofurfuryl ether, glycerol triacetate, and epoxidized soy bean oil.
polyaniline,

said polyaniline being soluble in said solvent,

said polyaniline not being substantially soluble in said additive in the absence of said solvent;

said additive provides local mobility to said polymer to allow said polymer to associate with one another to achieve a crystalline state; and

removing or partly removing said solvent, substantially leaving said additive therein as remaining additive, said remaining additive provides local mobility to said polyaniline to achieve said crystalline state thereby comprising a polycrystalline material,

said polycrystalline material is characterized by a degree of crystallinity regions and a degree of amorphous regions, said degree of crystallinity regions and said degree of amorphous regions are selected by selecting the composition of said additive, and the amount of said additive.

said admixture being electrically conductive and having an isotropic electrical conductivity.